

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0001] The invention relates to a platform for a device for wetting objects, as well as to a method for wetting objects.

Please replace Paragraph [0004] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0004] For the solution of this problem, a platform is proposed which comprises a base provided with spacers and a frame carrying said base and is characterized in that the base is movably connected with the frame. A bearing device is used for this which, in a first functional position, maintains the base in such a manner that it projects with regard to the frame and the bearing device. In a second functional position, the bearing device projects in some areas beyond an imaginary plane in which the surface of the base is disposed. The bearing device can thereby act as a seal which seals a space enclosed between the base and an object support. Thus, the reagents used for examinations cannot evaporate which results in sustained savings of material. On the other hand, it will be prevented that environmentally detrimental substances are emitted from the space between the platform and the object support into the surroundings which might possibly result in an environmental burden.

Please replace Paragraph [0006] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0006] For the solution of this problem, a method is also proposed. It is characterized in that the base is placed on an object support so that the at least one spacer provided on the base will keep it at a distance to the object support and a laterally open space between base and object support will be enclosed. Exertion of a force on the frame holding the base will achieve that the frame is displaced versus the base, and the space between base and object support will be closed off. This is done by means of a bearing device which movably connects the frame with the base. In this manner, it is possible to tightly close the given space between the base and the object support.